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To: Exceptional Children Program Directors
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From: Sherry H. Thomas, Director *SHH*
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RE: NC STATE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (NC SIP) GRANT AWARDS

The Exceptional Children Division (ECD), Program Improvement and Professional Development (PIPD) Section would like to welcome and congratulate six new LEAs selected as NC SIP network site partners starting in the 2019-2020 school year. The goals of the NC SIP grant are:

GOAL 1 - NC SIP staff will increase their capacity to provide leadership, professional development, coaching, and supports to participating districts, teachers, and families on leadership and effective reading, math, and content literacy instruction.

GOAL 2 - District and building administrators will have the skills to develop, implement, and evaluate district plans that support the improvement of core content instruction and achievement of students with disabilities in their districts.

GOAL 3 - Teachers and administrators will have the skills to effectively implement research-based reading, math, adolescent literacy and co-teaching instructional practices for students with disabilities in the K-12 classroom, which will lead to increased student engagement, student generalization of skills, academic achievement, and family engagement.

GOAL 4 - Pre-service teachers and in-service administrators enrolled in partnering IHEs, will have the capacity to effectively implement and support research-based reading, math, adolescent literacy, and co-teaching for students with disabilities.

The selected LEA teams, with support and guidance from the NC SIP regional team (NC SIP Consultants and Regional Coaches), will collaborate to develop the LEA's 2019-20 implementation plan. Quarterly measurement goals will be clearly articulated in the plan and the year-end Developmental Review will be conducted to determine if goals are met. Funds allotted through PRC 082 are to be budgeted and spent according to this plan (by the end of the 2019-2020 fiscal year end) and reflected in the bi-annual LEA expenditure report by the due dates (March 31 and September 30). The spending of these funds must adhere to the guideline of 90% for professional development and 10% for materials to support the professional development. Meeting implementation plan goals, accountability for appropriate spending, and timely data reporting will be determining factors in a site's continuing participation and funding the following year.

Funds will be allotted in October 2019. An orientation and half day planning meeting for these sites will be held at the Koury Convention Center the week of the Exceptional Children Conference. LEAs will complete a survey to allow us to collect correct contact information for the team members who will attend this meeting. Orientation registration information will be sent directly to the individuals named. ECD Literacy and Math Consultants will begin scheduling phone calls with the teams to introduce themselves and provide information about preparation for the November orientation. Each of the sites selected will

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receive an individual letter with their award amount. The list of new sites and their level of engagement may be found below.

For additional information you may contact Dr. Paula Crawford at paula.crawford@dpi.nc.gov or (919) 807-3868.

LEAs selected as partners with NC SIP 2019-2020:

LEA Region	LEA Names	Network Sites (6)
Northeast	Martin Co. Public Schools	1
Southeast	Arapahoe Charter	1
Northcentral	Central Park School for Children	1
Sandhills	None	0
Piedmont-Triad	None	0
Southwest	Union Co. Public Schools	1
Northwest	Watauga Co. Public Schools	1
Western	IC Imagine Charter	1

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